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TEHERAN CURFEW Tanks Make Show Of Force In City

Teheran, Iran, Mar. 20.

The government imposed a curfew on this capital tonight and made a show of force with tanks under martial law in a hard hitting effort to smash a ring of terror by assassins.

Premier Hussein Ala's new pro-Western government acted amid strikes and a flood of unconfirmed reports of new assassinations in the wake of the killing of General Ali Razmara 13 days ago, and the wounding of former Education Minister Abdul Zanganeh by an enraged student yesterday.

Winner Gives Back Big Prize

Tokyo, Mar. 20.
A 30-year-old Japanese civil servant was "re-donated" Lady Gascoigne's Hillman automobile, which he won last week in a raffle to raise funds for the Tokyo Animal Hospital, according to the newspaper Asahi Shimbun today.

Yusuke Kauchi, who works for the Government Railways, figured that the car was almost worthless to him. He did not know how to drive. Neither was his income as a Government employee sufficient to maintain the car.

If he sold the car for 1,500 yen, he would have to pay more than 1,000,000 yen in taxes. He wanted to donate at least half of the net proceeds to the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, and he felt obliged to treat all friends and relatives who congratulated him on his "good luck."

Kauchi estimated that what would be left to him would be almost nothing.

He took the prize to the British Embassy in Tokyo and offered to "re-donate" the car to the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, of which Lady Gascoigne is the President.

Although Lady Gascoigne, wife of the former head of the United Kingdom Liaison Mission in Tokyo, refused the "re-donation," Kauchi left the car outside the Embassy and went back to his home in Morioka, Northern Japan.—Reuter.



Seyd Abolghassem Kashani, leader of the Lower House (Majlis) of Parliament, had been targets of assassination attempts.

One rumour, which no official could confirm or deny, said Governor General Manoucher Ebad and his Police Chief had been slain at Tabriz, capital of Azerbaijan Province. That province was ruled by pro-Soviet separatist government in 1946.

A rumour that was officially denied said Major Mohdi Namdar and Jumal Imam, members of the Lower House (Majlis) of Parliament, had been targets of assassination attempts.

The new government proclaimed martial law immediately after it had been presented to Shah Mohammed Reza Pahlevi at noon. Some Cabinet posts still were not filled because prospective members were too terrified by assassination threats to accept the jobs.

The proclamation said, "Gangster elements have been trying to upset the security of the public in Teheran." And declared, "all gangster elements and opportunists who disturb the peace will be punished severely."

NEW POLICE CHIEF

P. N. Ala supplanted Teheran Police Chief General Mohammad Daftari with General Abdol Hassan Hejazi. Gen. Hejazi was urged with enforcing martial law, ordered in Teheran its curfew for two months. It is a wonder of Iran's Military Col. and military aide, the Shah.

Soon after the proclamation a column of eight tanks rolled down one of the main avenues past the American Embassy, scene of recent Communist demonstrations against General Douglas MacArthur and the British owned Anglo-Iranian Oil Company.

Gen. Hejazi then ordered the curfew, banning the public from the streets between midnight and 5 a.m., with the exception of Wednesday night, the Persian New Year, when traffic will be permitted until 2 a.m.—Associated Press.

VIETMINHES AMBUSHED

Saigon, Mar. 20.
Vietnamese ambushed Vietminh troops near Donghol on the Annam coast, half way between Saigon and Tonkin, killing 50 and taking 7 prisoners, a French Army communiqué reported today.

The Vietminh have been stepping up their operations in Annam and Cochinchina in what may be the preliminary phase of their next big attack on the French-held Tonkin delta.

In local actions in the delta in the past 24 hours, French Union forces killed 53 and took 10 prisoners, the French communiqué said.

In a big sweep in Cochinchina, through the Anson Forest along the banks of the Saigon River north of Saigon, the French killed 27 and took six prisoners.

Foreign Legion troops, at the same time, destroyed four cartridge factories, one foundry, 35 rebel cantonments, an army radio station, and a printing works.

French aircraft again pounded Vietminh installations outside the Tonkin bridgehead and in Cochinchina.—Reuter.

COMMENT OF THE DAY

Deadlock At Paris

THE meeting of deputies which is supposed to work out a programme for a new conference of the Big Four Foreign Ministers is still caught in a deadlock for which there is as yet no solution in sight. Both Soviet Russia and the Western Powers have made gestures at compromise involving some slight modifications of their original positions, and there is still a chance that the talks will lead to agreement on what the Foreign Ministers are to talk about. But it is becoming evident that this chance rests not so much on any hope for real agreement on the substance of the issues involved as on an apparent eagerness on the part of Moscow, following its defeat and the neutralisation of its veto power in the United Nations, to convene a new four-power conference as a new propaganda forum in which it could advance its aims while holding the power to veto any agreement that did not meet its terms. For the Paris talks have again emphasised the wide gap that separates East from West in respect to both the causes of the world-wide tensions and the steps that must be taken to arrive at settlements which would guarantee at least a tolerable truce. In any case the Soviets have made it plain that they are not interested in any real settlement but only in promoting their own policy designed to prevent any German contribution to Western defence, to split the Western Powers over this issue, if possible, and to prepare the necessary conditions for an ultimate Soviet control of all Germany as a preliminary step toward the domination of all Europe. For that purpose they hark back to the demobilisation provisions of the Potsdam Agreement which they have long since broken and dishonoured, to frighten Europe, including some Western nations, with the spectre of

German rearmament while at the same time appealing to German nationalism with a programme calling for German unification, a peace treaty and ultimate withdrawal of all occupation forces under conditions which would leave Germany wide open to Soviet penetration. Moreover, to put this programme on the agenda of a Big Four conference they are perfectly willing to discuss the issue of armaments raised by the West, not in an effort to redress the imbalance of forces now imperilling Europe but rather to increase their own preponderance of armed force by a proportional and uncontrolled armament reduction which would be effective only in the West and would leave the West more defenceless than ever. The Western Powers have long since agreed upon a policy in respect to Germany as well as in the matter of armaments, and outside of the Paris meeting they stand firm on their decisions. But within the meeting they still give the impression that all these decisions might be for sale for a mess of pottage in the form of new Soviet promises which are not worth the paper they are written on. The political upheaval in France, the change in the Foreign Ministry in London and vacation time in Washington may be partly responsible for this, but it would seem that the time has come to take a stand lest Moscow gain by Western default. The Western standpoint has been fully explained in the diplomatic notes which preceded the present meeting, in particular the last British note, which listed all the points the Western Powers want to have settled to rid the world of its present tensions. There is no reason why, in view of the Soviet attitude, they should shrink from spelling them out on the agenda of a Big Four meeting and then leave it to Moscow to keep or reject.

IRONICAL

Mr. Mott Radcliffe (Conservative) said the more the Chancellor gave way to Egypt the more difficult it would be to stand up to the Persians. The Government must really stop giving way to anybody who shouts loudly enough.

Mr. Richard Crossman, leader of the "Keep Left" group in the Labour Party, sought assurances that the money would not be used by the Egyptians to buy arms.

Mr. Churchill intervened to say that the destroyer was being finished here and would be sent to Egypt though it was needed for Britain's anti-submarine defence.

Mr. Crossman said he felt this confirmed the need for a changed policy on export licences.

He said it was ironical that

Britain should "reward" with

special privileges a country

which, through the closing of the Haifa refinery, had prevented Britain "earning millions" of dollars.

DYING POLICY

He described the oil clause in the new agreement as "the last kick of a dying policy which has utterly failed."

He hoped that Mr. Herbert Morrison (the new Foreign Secretary) would have a concerted and co-ordinated policy in the Middle East. It was in that "spirit of goodwill and hope that I shall vote for the Government," he said.

Mr. Gaitkell said that Britain had never formally put forward counter-claims. It had done, however, from the Government's point of view, an obligation incurred as this debt to Egypt was

Govt Survives Important Debate By 3 Votes EGYPTIAN AGREEMENT HOTLY CRITICISED

London, Mar. 20.
The Government gained a majority of only three votes in the House of Commons tonight after a debate on its new money agreement with Egypt. The figures were 294 to 291.

As the vote was on a motion for the adjournment of the House—a way of allowing a vote—the House of Commons then adjourned for the night.

Some Labour members joined in the Opposition's criticism of the agreement and indicated that they would not vote.

Mr. Anthony Eden, deputy leader of the Conservatives, opened the Opposition's attack. He maintained that Parliament should not accept the new Anglo-Egyptian financial agreement.

By this agreement Britain would release to Egypt £150,000,000 worth of sterling balances in the next thirteen and a half years. She would also facilitate the supply of oil for Egypt of £11,000,000 worth of oil for the next 10 years.

Mr. Eden—whose speech was punctuated by Opposition cheers—referred to the Egyptian ban on British tankers taking oil to the British-owned refinery at Haifa, Israel, through the Suez Canal.

Britain was having to bring the oil all the way round Africa or from around the Caribbean or "tremendous cost," he said.

This was "absolutely fantastic," especially when there was a world shortage of tankers. Britain had to bear the full extra cost caused by the Egyptian Government's action which Britain held to be contrary to the International Suez Canal Convention, Mr. Eden said.

Mr. Reginald Pocock (Labour) said he agreed with much of what Mr. Eden said.

Egypt should be told "very firmly indeed" to end her "artificial quibble" with Israel which she was maintaining for "internal political purposes."

The British Navy should be ordered to see that British vessels were not interfered with.

OUT OF DATE

Mr. Thomas Reid (Labour) said that there was no getting away from the fact that Britain owed Egypt this money. But he thought that the agreement should be part of other negotiations for a general settlement.

"I appeal to my Egyptian friends to end the blockade of the Suez Canal," he said. It was "out of date and a loss to everyone," he added.

Mr. Oliver Crosthwaite (Eyre Conservative) said that Mr. Winston Churchill had made it clear during the war, when he was Prime Minister, that counter-claims would be made for services rendered.

Mr. Hugh Gaitskell, Chancellor of the Exchequer, said that as far as he knew, Mr. Churchill never said anything on the subject at all in public during the war.

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When Mr. Gaitkell was referring to the ban on tankers going through the Suez Canal to Haifa, Mr. Pocock (Labour) said,

"What have we got the Navy for if it is not to see that our ships go on lawful occasions on the sea?"

Mr. Gaitkell said that Britain could not use her fleet when the matter was being considered at the United Nations.—Reuter.

Prospects Of A Settlement

Ottawa, Mar. 20.

The External Affairs Minister, Mr. Lester Pearson, held out hope for early negotiation of a settlement of the Korean war when he told Parliament that the fall in the fighting might bring a "de facto" cease-fire which would enable the United Nations and the Chinese Communists to arrange a peace.

Mr. Pearson made the statement during a discussion on whether UN forces should recross the 38th Parallel in North Korea. He said discussions among nations engaged in the fighting were being held in Washington. He added that the decisions would be governed by both military and political considerations.

He said also that he thought the United Nations should take advantage of full fighting to reopen negotiations on a ceasefire.—United Press.

Reds Put Up A Fight REARGUARD ACTION

Tokyo, Mar. 21.

United Nations troops advancing yesterday (Tuesday) along the mountainous spine of Central Korea collided with the stiffer enemy resistance in day.

There were increasing signs, mainly on the Central front, that the Communists were getting ready to make a stand after the long retreat.

Rearguard Communists fought bitterly north of Hongchon, abandoned Red bastion on the central front 55 miles east of Seoul.

On the western front, US forces driving north of recaptured Seoul met heavier enemy artillery, mortar and small arms fire for the second straight day. The Americans are moving up Korea's ancient corridor of conquest toward Uijongbu, 11 miles north of Seoul.

In one of the most stringent news restrictions since the war began, General Douglas MacArthur prohibited correspondents from referring to distances to a certain point on the Korean peninsula.

(This was an obvious ban against locating UN forces in relation to the politically important 38th parallel, pre-war arbitrary dividing line between Communist North and Republican South Korea.—Associated Press.)

HQ COMMUNIQUE

Tokyo, Mar. 21.

General MacArthur's communique said today that the UN forces scored "moderate" gains in the east central sector of their Korean front on Tuesday and "sizeable" gains on the west central front.

The communique said that UN aircraft continued to bomb the incisive pounding of enemy frontal troops and interdiction of enemy supply lines. B-29s attacked vital military installations at Hambung with excellent results, while fighters and light bombers flying in support of the UN ground forces inflicted heavy damage on enemy supplies and gun emplacements.

The air resupply operation continued with combat transports lifting more than 400 tons of vital supplies to the battle area.

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There is considerable resentment against the Peking Government, he says, especially in South and Southwest China and these areas might ultimately become an effective "cushion" between the Chinese Communist forces and Southeast Asia, but not under the discredited flag of Chiang Kai-shek.

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Japs To Set Up Trade Agency In London

London, Mar. 20.
The Japanese government will be represented in London soon for the first time since the attack on Pearl Harbour in 1941.

Mr. Kenneth Younger, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, told the House of Commons today that the government has agreed to the opening of a Japanese overseas trade agency in Britain.

Foreign Office and Board of Trade officials said Japan had not yet nominated anyone to head the agency. Whoever was chosen, they emphasised, would not have diplomatic status but would be ranked as a private citizen.

The new agency would be similar to those already set up by Japan in a number of countries, including France and the United States, pending signing of a peace treaty with the Allied powers.—Associated Press.

Purge In Formosa Reported

(Our Own Correspondent)

London, Mar. 20.

There has been an "impressive purge" of Chiang Kai-shek's advisers and the notorious influence of the Soong family has been abolished. This is reported this morning by Vernon Bartlett, political commentator of the News Chronicle, who says it is based on "trustworthy information reaching me direct from Formosa."

He says dispute has been caused here by articles appearing in Tokyo to the effect that an invasion of the Chinese mainland by a force of some 300,000 Chinese from Formosa is under consideration.

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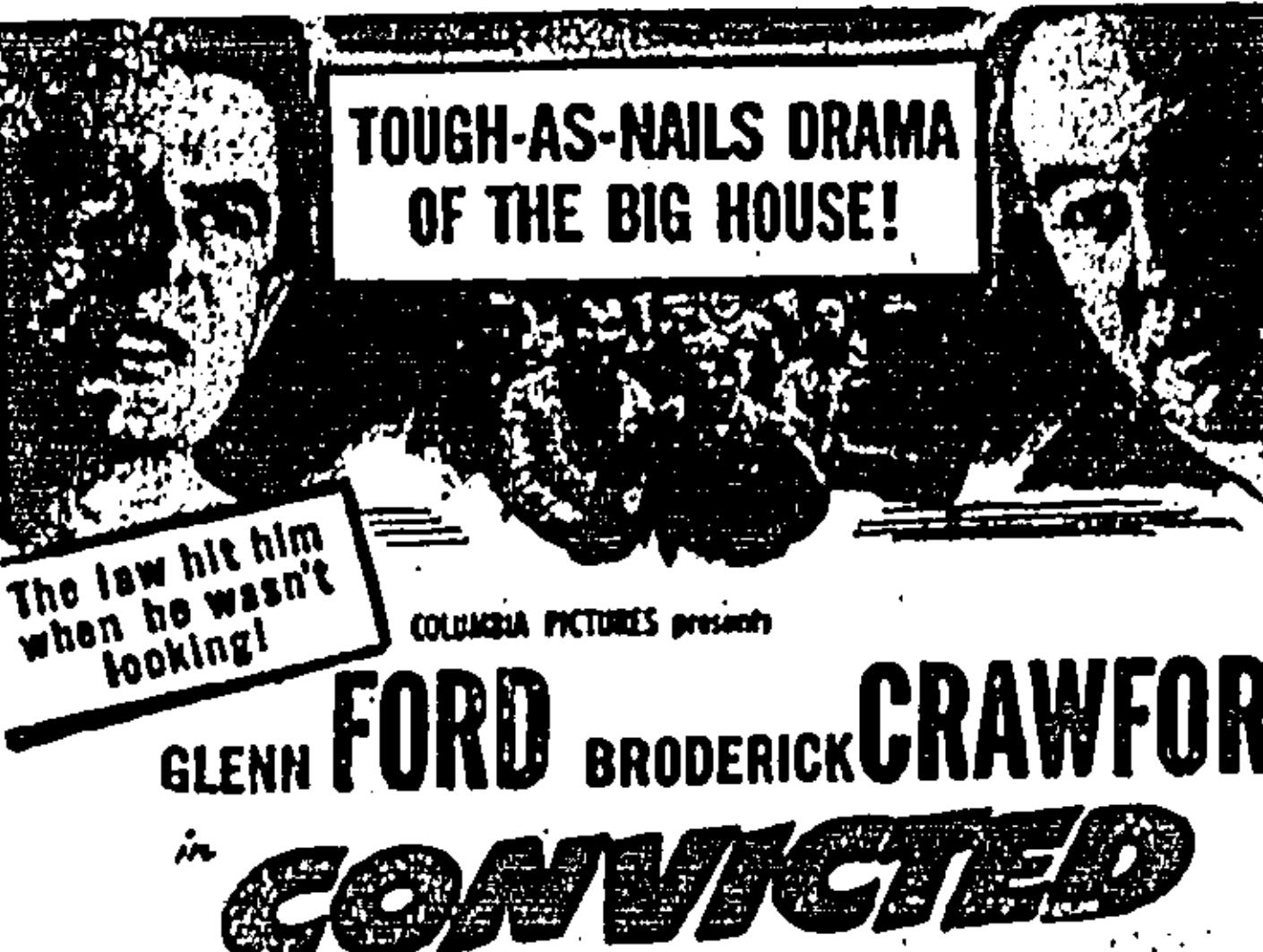


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**Britain Denies
A Report**

London, Mar. 20.
The British government today denied a report that several warships were being dispatched to the Persian Gulf because of the tension in Iran.
A Foreign Office spokesman commented on a report published in an Italian newspaper from its London correspondent.—United Press.

**ASSEMBLY
TO MEET
IN PARIS**

Lake Success, Mar. 20.
By a narrow margin of seven votes, the United Nations General Assembly decided tonight to meet next autumn in Paris. The vote was 24 in favour, 17 against, 12 abstentions.

The ballot brought split votes in all the usual UN voting formations except the Soviet bloc, which voted solidly in favour of going to Paris. The vote was on a resolution presented by the General Assembly President, Mr. Nasrollah Entezam, accepting an invitation extended last week by the French government.

The French attached three conditions, which led to a long debate and resulted in favourable votes from less than half the delegations present. The conditions were:

1. The Assembly shall not meet before November 6 and, although the resolution did not mention it, the letter transmitted to the United Nations by the French stipulated that they expected the Assembly to end "in January or in February if necessary."

2. A break was ordered for the Christmas holidays as it appeared the Assembly would not hold the second part elsewhere than in Paris.

3. The cost to be borne by France will be "lightened substantially." The resolution set the cost of going to Paris at \$2,360,440 plus whatever the Secretary General, Mr. Trygve Lie, can save in his budget to transfer to the Assembly account if needed.—United Press.

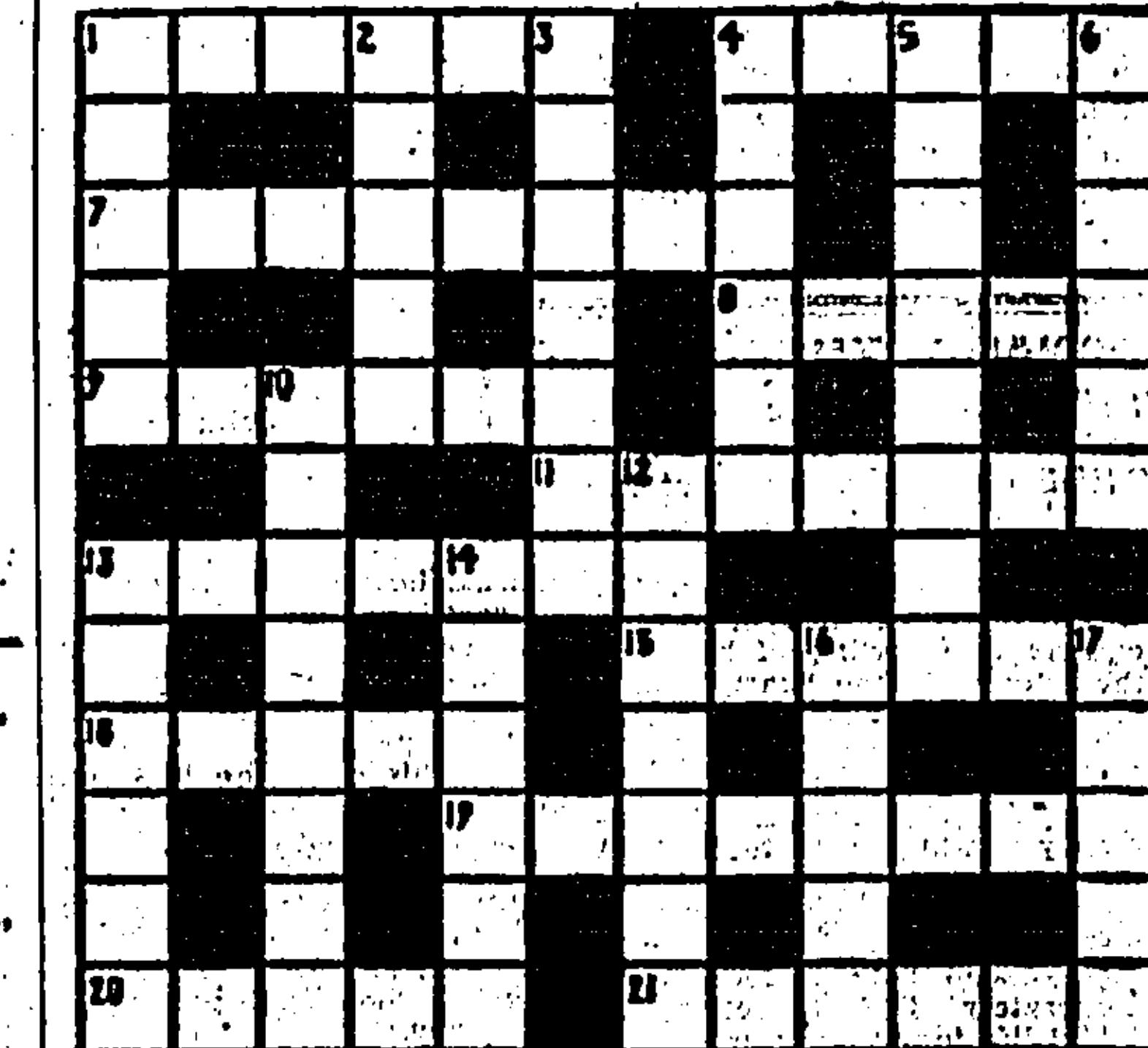
**Finn Govt.
May Fall**

Helsinki, Mar. 20.
Finland's Coalition Government, defeated today on a motion to postpone a planned increase in rents, may fall tomorrow unless it can gain support for a compromise Bill.

The Government wants to postpone an increase of 43 per cent in rents until August 1, whereas property owners want it to operate from April 1. Parliament rejected the Government's motion today by 138 votes to 36.

After the vote, the Social Democratic Party announced officially that it would withdraw its members from the Coalition tomorrow but hinted unofficially that it was ready to accept a compromise.

A compromise was expected to be sought in a new Government Bill tomorrow proposing that rents be increased by 20 per cent from April 1 and by 23 per cent from August 1.—Reuter.

A British Crossword Puzzle**ACROSS:**

- Struggle.
- Abstain from food.
- Announce.
- Reinforcement.
- Forgive.
- Angers.
- Thrust oneself in.
- Menace.
- Lively.
- Deceptive.
- Made mistake.
- Hurried.

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD:

- Haul.
- Abba.
- Farce.
- Rock.
- Neat.
- Shadow.
- Surf.
- Urge.
- Thru.
- Unite.
- Ringlet.
- Salutes.
- Repeats.
- Sticks.
- Cobalt.
- Agree.
- Streets.

**RUSSIANS RENEW
THE DEMANDS FOR
ARMS REDUCTION**

Paris, Mar. 20.
Soviet Russia renewed her demands tonight for a reduction of the armed forces of all Big Four Powers, and for the first time proposed that this should be done under international supervision.

The proposal was made by Mr Gromyko, at the 14th meeting of the Deputies who are seeking to draw up an agenda for a future conference of the Big Four Foreign Ministers.

General verdict was, however, that the "Big Four" again made no progress at their meeting today, a Western spokesman said. The conference remained at a standstill.

Today's meeting showed up more clearly than any previous one the fundamental differences of approach between the Soviet Union and the Western Powers, a British delegation spokesman said.

The meeting lasted over four hours and the deputies arranged to meet again tomorrow at 3 p.m.

Mr Andrei Gromyko (Russia), speaking for nearly two hours today, said that the Council of Foreign Ministers would not be summoned to give a free hand to certain powers to indulge in arms race, but for the purpose of fulfilling the Potsdam Agreement.

"FALSE VERBIAGE"

Dr Philip Jessup (United States) replied by stating that in Gromyko's case, "striped of its false and derogatory verbiage," amounted to saying to the Western Powers: "You have policies we do not like and want to be changed" and then producing a piece of paper described as an agenda and saying "Sign that because it will change your policies".

Dr Jessup said that Mr Gromyko's attitude displayed an arrogance that was not appropriate to negotiations between the Four Powers.

Mr Gromyko today tabled a re-draft of the third item of the Soviet agenda. This called for an examination of the causes of the present international tensions in Europe and of the means necessary to secure a real and lasting agreement between Russia, America, Britain and France.

THE RE-DRAFT

This would include the "questions of the reduction of the armed forces of the U.S.S.R., the United States, the United Kingdom and France and of the establishment of international control over the implementation of the reduction of armed forces as well as other measures for the elimination of the threat of war and fear of aggression and the question of the fulfilment of present treaty obligations and agreements between the Four Powers."

The new Soviet text combines the substance of the earlier Russian draft with parts of the Western draft's first item.

Mr Gromyko, in his speech, referred to "concessions" made by the Soviet delegation. He said that the Soviet delegation agreed to the wording of the Western Powers even though it was less clear than the original Soviet draft which had been in the best interests of the German people and of peace.

Mr Gromyko said that

NOT CONSISTENT

He said that the way in which Mr Gromyko had spoken and the way he had gone into the substance of problems was not consistent with the Soviet note of February 5 which had insisted that the deputies' task should be confined to drafting an agenda.

He could not understand Mr Gromyko's attitude that Russia should decide which were the real, important questions in the world.

It was impossible to eliminate the fear of Soviet aggressive policies by making false charges against the United States or any other Government, Dr Jessup said.

It was the sincere and ardent hope of the United States Government that this four might be eliminated through discussion and agreement at a Foreign Ministers' meeting.—Reuter.

FEARED

Paris, Mar. 20.

If Persia's oil output were cut off or reduced competition for Middle East oil would send prices shooting up, the French Petroleum Ministry predicted today.

A communiqué from the Ministry said that France, though not a great importer of Persian oil, would be hit just as much as any other European country if Persian supplies were reduced.

The communiqué condemned the Persian decision to nationalise its oil industry. "This, in the present state of the Persian economy," it said, "would be particularly harmful to Persia. The rights of the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company and the legitimate interests of the Iranian people must be protected from being incompatible," it added.

The communiqué said that France relied to a great extent on Iraq and Saudi Arabia for oil supplies. Western Europe's oil requirements were 60,000,000 tons, of which Persia provided about one-half. Reuter.

**America To Urge
Action**

Washington, Mar. 20.

The United States will urge the strengthening of Western Hemisphere defences at the Inter-American Foreign Ministers' Conference next week, it was announced today.

Senator Tom Connally, Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said that each Latin American country would be asked to cover itself more than heretofore in protective defence measures.

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Fan mail

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According to the papers, 20,000 fat women have written to the B.B.C. asking for a new slimming diet on the evening television programme. How does this concern you?

I'm frightened, doctor. Frightened of 20,000 fat women?

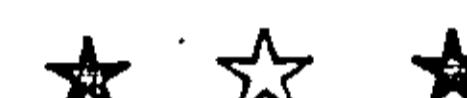
I think they're not only fat but mad, too. Think of 20,000 women at large, all fat and raving mad.

The majority of the letters reaching me are from English

(or British) people. But most of them do not appear to believe that doggies are our best friends.

One recalls that savage dogies have destroyed more than 1,000 sheep in the past twelve months, which is hardly a friendly thing to do during an acute shortage of meat.

Another reminds me that doggies have been responsible for thousands of street accidents. Not so friendly, either.



From my own reading of the news I find that doggies are also neglecting their duties towards us. The recent case of a house dog who slept while burglars stole jewels under his snoring nose, is only one of many.

This lethargy among doggies may be due to diet deficiency, or lack of bones, though I believe the true friends of man have turned against us in our hour of need.

Instead of friendship, glowing brightest in adversity, our four-legged pals have begun to hate us now we are short of food, in their sudden rage they are attacking our livestock, allowing bunglers to steal our valuables and organising car smashers. It won't be long before they help burglars to steal our property and push us under buses.

Looking forward to your next letter, dear Pig.

Ever Yours,

(London Express Service)

DOCTORS' DISEASE (IT KILLED NOVELLO) SETS DOCTORS ARGUING

by a Medical Officer of Health

A MONG the serious diseases which have become more common in this century, coronary thrombosis (a form of heart attack) is the one which most interests doctors, for they themselves die of it more often than any other group in the community.

If the expected rate of death from this cause, calculated for the total male population, is taken to be 100, the rate for doctors has been worked out as 368, for judges 40, for agricultural workers 32.

Nearly 50,000 men and women die of coronary disease each year.

Why the disease now attacks more people—and particularly why it seems to strike with greater venom those whose work entails mental rather than physical strain—is points which are being hotly debated in The Lancet.

Coronary thrombosis is caused by a narrowing of the diameter of the main blood vessels (coronary arteries) of the heart.

Eventually the blood cannot pass along the narrowed channel forming a clot (thrombus). The result is that the heart muscle—a large part of it in a severe attack or only a small part in a slight attack—is cut off from the essential supply of blood on which the efficiency of the pumping mechanism depends.

Smoking? Harmless? JUST why the diameter of the arteries of the heart should be specially susceptible to this narrowing process is not known.

It is believed to have something to do with the breaking down of fat in the chemical factory inside the human body, though this is not to say that coronary thrombosis has any connection whatever with diet or obesity. But its occurrence in many cases certainly does seem to depend on heredity.

The late Sir Maurice Cassidy, the King's physician, found a family history of the disease in half his patients.

The best treatment is to prevent further clotting of the blood in

the arteries of the heart and other organs.

Only a few years ago operations were being devised to improve the blood supply of hearts damaged by coronary thrombosis, but progress in this direction appears to have ceased for the time being.

The tragedy of coronary thrombosis is that it often strikes down successful men at the peak of their career.

In middle-age it is five times more common in men than in women.

Shortly before his death last year, Professor John Ryle of Oxford, himself a victim of coronary thrombosis, pointed out in the British Heart Journal how rapidly this disease appeared to be on the increase.

In seeking the reason for this he emphasised the importance of social and occupational changes;

in forty percent of the patients under his care he had noted heavy mental or emotional strain.

It may be of course that the professional classes are more susceptible to this disease than manual workers, not because they overtax their brains, but because their occupations are sedentary.

A doctor called to a patient with a suspected "heart attack" will recognise coronary thrombosis from the severe and distressing pain in the chest of which the patient complains and the signs of collapse or shock.

Often there have been warning symptoms during the previous few hours or days.

The preliminary treatment is to ensure absolute rest and quietness and to ease distress with injections of pain-killing drugs.

When the patient recovers from the immediate ill-effects of sudden damage to the heart muscle, he may be considered a suitable case for treatment with heart-expanding drugs, the so-called anticoagulant drugs.

These are given to prevent further clotting of the blood in

WHAT'S
GOING ON
JOAN?

by EPHRAIM HARDCastle

LONDON. THE KING is now convalescent after spending more than a week in bed—with a "feverish chill."

There has been much concern in the country over this illness. The stay in bed has been more prolonged than one would expect for the treatment of an ordinary chill, and the doctors—five of them, headed by homoeopathic expert Sir John Weir—have occasionally called twice in a day. This, too, seems to indicate quite a severe attack.

But I am assured that during this time the King has kept on working.

From his bedroom on the first floor the King looks out over the garden and lake, and has a view of the traffic along Constitution Hill. At his side are three bell pushes and two telephones.

But he's got the order wrong. Those three basic symbols of Kaiser war service, familiarly known as Pip, Squeak and Wilfred, have got out of step.

The field-marshall's tailor has put the 1914 (Mons) Star last of the three, instead of first.

With honours

LORD STANLEY OF ALDERLEY. who became engaged recently to Miss Therese Hudson, is a considerable sailor and yachtsman. He should not, in future, have any difficulties with navigational calculations. For slim, big-eyed, attractive Miss Hudson is, surprisingly, a higher mathematician of great ability.

At the Sorbonne she galloped through a five-year course on the subject, passing out with highest honours in two years under par.

She has been in Britain some months and planned to take a job as a "slide rule wizard" in the drawing office of a Midlands aircraft factory.

But from now on her mathematical genius will be entirely at the disposal of 44-year-old Lord Stanley.

Italy's best

MANY PEOPLE are wondering about the appointment of an Italian admiral—Count Fortante Cappone—to be an assistant Chief of Staff under General Eisenhower.

The Italian Navy has something to live down, but no man could have a better recommendation than to be an Italian admiral and to be universally admired, particularly by the Royal Navy. Such is Cappone.

Britain is his second country. The ties are strong—a British mother and wife, and many years spent in London as naval attaché before the war. It was a hard decision which he had to make in 1940, when he was recalled for active service for his country against his friends.

After the armistice of September 1943 he turned against Mussolini, fighting with the partisans and eventually getting through to Allied headquarters, where he served as liaison officer.

More recently, as a rear-admiral, he has been commanding the Naval Academy at Leghorn. It has become something of a model for the rest of the world, and a favourite visiting place for the Royal Navy.

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TSUI BROTHERS ENTER THEIR 10TH COLONY DOUBLES FINAL

By "ARGONAUT"

Seven times former champions, and twice runners-up, the Tsui brothers, Wai-pui and Yun-pui, entered their tenth final of the Colony Open Doubles Lawn Tennis Championship yesterday when they eliminated George Choa and K. C. Dao in three straight sets, 6-2, 9-7 and 8-6.

Sustained forceful attacking strokes by the winners, who showed greater agility at the net, paved the way to their victory against an overcautious and defensive, though gallant opposition.

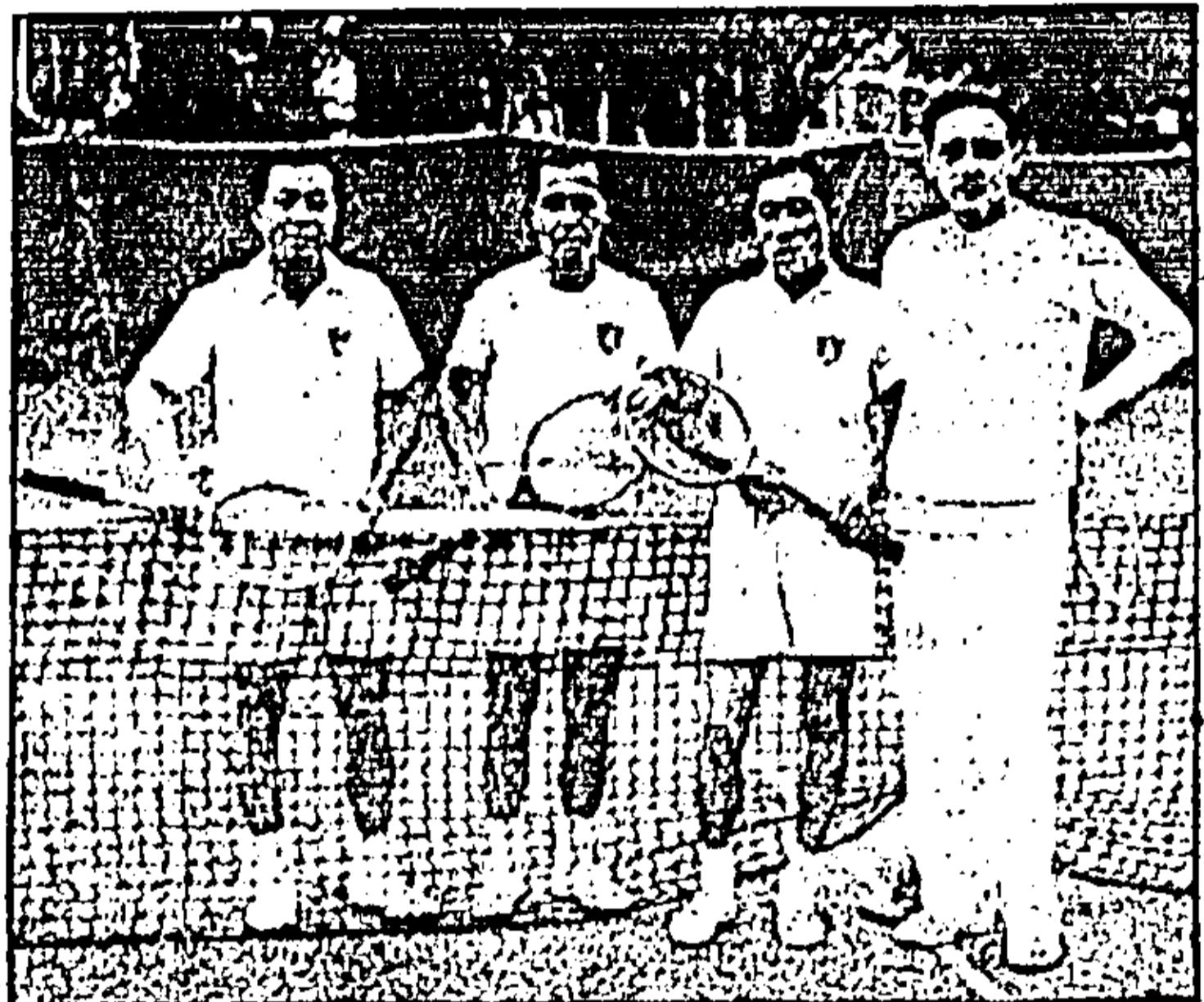
There was no apparent effect of Friday's unfinished two-set all draw on the Tsuis' game yesterday.

Throwing caution to the wind, they let loose into the fray all their stock of killing strokes, and met with instant success in the first set, sweeping through the 16-minute session by 6-2.

Best player on view was undoubtedly Tsui Wai-pui, who played confidently throughout to set the pace with point-scoring drives, interception volleys and overhead smashes. Dao, on the opposite side, proved equal to this when called upon, but for the greater part of the game was kept out of the picture as the Tsuis cleverly piled the slightly weaker Choa with frontal volleys.

The younger Tsui started strongly, but gradually weakened in the second and third sets, when the majority of shots kept coming his way.

George Choa displayed good ground strokes, but a tendency to be overcautious in his overhead strokes, that could have been smashed, robbed his side of several valuable points. Volleys straight to the body were another conspicuous weak point.



Tsui Yun-pui, Tsui Wai-pui, K. C. Dao and George Choa.
— China Mail Photo.

Graziano Wants Title Fight

Miami, Florida, Mar. 20. Rocky Graziano, former Middleweight Boxing Champion, said today he would keep fighting until he gets a shot at Sugar Ray Robinson, the present title holder.

Graziano, using a damaging left hook, knocked out Reuben Jones of Virginia, in the third round of a scheduled 10-round fight until he gets a shot at Sugar Ray Robinson, the present title holder.

ROBINSON'S TOUR

Zurich, Mar. 20. The Swiss Boxing Federation has given its approval to the Zurich Punching Club for a fight between Sugar Ray Robinson, World Middleweight Champion, and William Poll of Italy on April 21.

Although the fight has been approved by the Federation, final negotiations have not yet

VICTORY FOR KEENAN

London, Mar. 20. Armand Delanna, French bantamweight, was beaten by Peter Keenan (Glasgow) at the Empress Hotel, Earl's Court, London, tonight, the referee stopping the fight in the sixth round.

The Frenchman had no chance against Keenan's stabbing left leads and when the referee intervened in the sixth round Keenan was getting to work on Delanna's body.—Reuter.

Chung Wah Win "C" Division

In a close and exciting finish, Chung Wah yesterday beat University by five sets to four in the Sectional final of the Colony Men's "C" Division League to be-

come the second holders of the title; since its inception last year.

Played at Craigengower before a good crowd of supporters from both sides, the match

Championship

reached a tense stage when the score mounted to three sets all. A good win of 21-14 by Charles Lam and S. C. Liang of Chung Wah over University's P. K. Tan and A. Yeow in the seventh game of the evening gave their side 4-3 lead.

This was followed by a spell of inspired play from the Chung Wah top pair, K. L. Yu and K. T. Lam, who clinched the issue with a comfortable 21-6 victory over S. C. Lam and C. W. Ng.

Top individual honours for the night, however, went to the University's first pair of W. C. Lee and Y. H. Tan, who won all their three sets.

For the winners, K. L. Yu and K. T. Lam, who were responsible for winning the decider, were the most impressive.

Charles Lam and S. C. Liang played a great part in their team's victory with a valuable contribution of two sets.

THE RESULTS

K. L. Yu and K. T. Lam (Chung Wah) beat P. K. Tan (Nepalese Prince), R. K. Plumber and his partner, E. H. Thomas, were beaten four and two by the Cambridge pair, I. Stockhouse and N. Moore, in the fouromes of the Oxford versus Cambridge annual golf match here today.

I. C. Wong and M. Wong (Chung Wah) beat Tan and Yeow 21-6, lost to Lee and Tan 17-11.

C. Lai and S. C. Liang (Chung Wah) beat Tan and Yeow 21-14, beat Lam and Ng 21-16, lost to Lee and Tan 16-21.

The Chung Wah team who won the Men's "C" Division Badminton League Championship last night, defeating University by 5-4 in the final. From left to right are: (back row) S. P. Ng, S. C. Liang, K. L. Yu and K. T. Lam; (front row) M. Wong, K. C. Wong and C. Lam (captain). — China Mail Photo.

CUP SEMI-FINAL REPLAYS



BLACKPOOL v. BIRMINGHAM: Farm anxiously awaits the result of this shot from Birmingham's Higgins. The shot went wide. Left to right—Farm, Shimwell, Higgins, Johnston, Smith, Kelly and Trigg. Blackpool won 2-1.



NEWCASTLE UNITED v. WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS: Bert Williams, the Wolves goalkeeper, goes to the rescue of one of his defenders to foil an attack by Robledo, the Newcastle forward. Newcastle won 2-1.

The Americans Have Found Ways To Speed Up Soccer

By JOHN MACADAM

London. That sensational defeat of the England World Cup side by the USA team in Brazil hasn't had the boosting effect on Soccer out there we thought it would when we watched the Americans cavoring triumphantly off the Belo Horizonte pitch.

It looked all the odds to a half-time lemon that the win would send the Americans chasing after us for still one more of our traditional sporting trophies. Apparently it isn't so.

Advice from Philadelphia indicate that, despite the stimulus of licking the British and the unflagging efforts of 65-year-old ex-Scotish junior player Jimmy Walder, the game is subsiding into obscurity over there.

Maybe it is just as well if we want to get the Cup here.

Walder, who has been playing and refereeing the game for nigh on 30 years, cast covetous eyes on those Brazilian gates and beats his brains out when he thinks of English 70,000-odd attendances, to say nothing of what the game can draw in any of the European capitals.

He has a good point that U.S. football teams may run to as many as 18 players, with 15 in the rule, against Soccer's 11, with

players have lost their Old Country flavour—and can be counted 100 per cent American citizens.

Walder, who is no colossus, sells the game on its insistence on speed and condition, that it doesn't require stuffed equipment as the home brand of football does, and sneezes loudly in the face of mass-substitution.

He has a good point that U.S. football teams may run to as many as 18 players, with 15 in the rule, against Soccer's 11, with

substitutes used sparingly and only on ceremonial occasions.

Walder has struck a blow for liberty that West Bromwich Albion's Norman Bassett (happily recovering from illness) would give his ears to have done.

He got the kick-in substituted for the throw-in, and if that isn't just what Norman has been pressing on legislators these many years.

The Americans have taken a number of other liberties with the rules, with a view, typically, to speeding the game up. They keep two spare balls on the touchline, and as soon as the playing ball comes out of play another is thrown in so that there shall not be the slightest hold-up.

This could well be done here, for Bassett will tell you how much time is lost in throw-ins in the course of an average match. It has been as much as 20 minutes in 90.

Another point for copying is that Referee Walder can top 28 a match, plus expenses. Here we pay referees £2.5 and tax £1.—(London Express Service)

TO RUN AT THE PENN RELAYS

Boat Crews Practice

London, Mar. 20.

The Oxford and Cambridge crews both practised starting exercises this afternoon in preparation for Saturday's boat race.

Davidson, the Oxford stroke, got in 10 strokes is 17 seconds in both his crew's attempts.

Jennings, of Cambridge, after one start in which they continued for a minute, got in 30 strokes, during which the boat covered a lot of water.

Earlier Oxford covered the full course in both directions.—Reuter.

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INTER-VARSITY GOLF MATCH

Rye, Sussex, Mar. 20.

The Nepalese Prince, R. K. Plumber and his partner,

E. H. Thomas, were beaten four and two by the Cambridge pair, I. Stockhouse and N. Moore, in the fouromes of the Oxford versus Cambridge annual golf match here today.

Cambridge won the tourney

by three matches to one, with one halved. The singles

were being played tomorrow.

The results will be run on April 27 and 28.—Associated Press.

An invitation to Britain's best miler, Roger Bannister, to run at the Penn Relays was approved yesterday by the British Amateur Athletic Board, the Associated Press reports from London.

Bannister, student at Oxford University, was a star in the Canterbury Centennial Games at New Zealand during the winter.

The relays in Philadelphia

is to be run on April 27 and 28.—Associated Press.

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Through Tickets reserved for this Meeting but not paid for by 10.00 a.m. on Thursday, 22nd March, will be sold and the reservation cancelled for future meetings.

To avoid congestion at the Club's Offices at Telephone House, non-members are requested to purchase their sweep tickets at the Club's Branch Offices at 6, D'Aguilar Street, Hong Kong.

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Budget Blues In London

London, Mar. 29. British Government bonds rallied briefly on the London Stock Exchange today. Issues most in demand ended up half a point. Industrial shares suffered from the Budget blues. The new national budget, due April 10, is expected to call for higher taxes and many industries eased. Financial Times' Index: 110.7 — Associated Press.

Drastic Sulphur Shortage

London, Mar. 20. Britain has decided to call for American help to meet an approaching sulphur famine which could dislocate industry and spread unemployment.

A Board of Trade spokesman reported today that the nation's trade chief, Mr. Harold Wilson, is planning a flying visit to Washington in the next fortnight to discuss general economic subjects—a field which he said would include the growing shortage of vital raw materials here.

The Board of Trade—Mr. Wilson's Department—is ready to lay down a nationwide sulphur ration plan if attempts to get more supplies from the United States fail.

America provides more than 90 percent of the world's sulphur supplies. It has cut down exports to this country by a third because of the stockpiling and rearrangement programme.

Sulphur is essential in most industries. It is used in rubber making, oil refining, the steel industry, rayon production, automobile batteries.

The Atlantic Allies recently set up an International Materials Conference (INC) in Washington to allocate scarce raw materials.

Britain has asked many times for more sulphur—so far without success.—Associated Press.

Rubber Markets Inactive

New York, Mar. 20. Rubber futures closed here today 100 points higher to 100 points lower, with no sales reported. The recent reduction in Government buying ideas limited activity to a minimum in the spot market.

Prices closed today as follows:

Spot 72.00
March 71.00 bid
May 61.00 bid
July 61.00 bid

—United Press.

LONDON MARKET

London, Mar. 20.

Prices of rubber futures closed here today as follows:

In cents per lb. 64.00-63.50

Number 1 rubber, in cents per lb. 64.00-63.50

April —

April/June —

July/September 60.40-62.50

October/December —

—United Press.

SINGAPORE MARKET

Singapore, Mar. 20.

Prices of rubber futures closed here today as follows:

Number 1 rubber, per lb. 211-212

March 207-212-206-14

May 204-212-203-14

Number 2 rubber, —

March 201-202

Number 3 rubber, 189-191

Number 4 rubber, 179-180

Spot rubber, United 214-215

Black crepe 140-151

No. 1 pale crepe 220-221

—United Press.

Japan Exhausts Cotton Quota

Washington, Mar. 20.

The Commerce Department announced today that Japan had exhausted its import quota of 1,863,000 bales of American cotton for the current crop year. Agriculture officials said Japan could expect no new allocations until September when the Government had the preliminary figures on the estimated new crop.

India earlier this year exhausted her quota of 200,000 bales of American cotton. Cotton export licences for cotton exports during the past fortnight covered 5,866 bales, the Department said. Licences during the last two weeks were issued for export of 20,070 bales to France and 12,727 bales to Germany. Licences for Germany, France and Japan accounted for about 85 per cent of the two-week total.—United Press.

Japanese Bonds' Strength

New York, Mar. 20. Among strong spots on the foreign dollar bond list today were Japan 5 1/2%, while Oriental Development 4 1/2% and Sixes rose among the stimulus bond changes. —Associated Press.

—Associated Press.

CLOSING BANK QUOTATIONS

New York, Mar. 20. Closing bank quotations:

Bank of America 20 1/2 23

Chase National 39 1/2 41 1/2

National City 40% 50%

—Associated Press.

EXCHANGES IN NY

New York, Mar. 20. Closing foreign exchange:

Holland 20 1/2 22 1/2

Switzerland 22 1/2

Others unchanged.—Associated Press.

Little Prospect Of Success At Tin Conference

Washington, Mar. 20. Officials were pessimistic today about the chances of the Washington tin talks producing an organisation for the international allocation of the world's tin production.

Representatives of Britain, the United States, the Netherlands and Belgium held their third meeting to day.

They are attempting to agree on measures to regulate the world price of tin, to allocate world production, and to set up a committee for this purpose like the Standing Committees now discussing in Washington the world allocation of manganese, cobalt and other scarce strategic materials.

It is still too early to say whether an agreement will or will not be reached eventually, but the prevailing view is that the requirements of the producer and consumer nations are very far apart.

The consumer nations, notably the United States, want more drastic steps for the reduction of tin prices than are acceptable to the producer nations.

PRICE AGREEMENT ESSENTIAL

The producer nations feel that the first thing to do is to reach an agreement on a world price for tin, and that all locations cannot be made, or machinery for them set up, until this has been done.

There has recently been a severe drop in tin prices because of a "buyers' strike" by the United States, which has suspended new stockpiling purchases until tin falls to a more reasonable level.

This action was taken by the United States because of charges in Congress that tin producers were "gouging" the United States with exorbitant prices.

The producers' reply was that a higher price was necessary to enable the exploitation of low-grade ores to meet the growing world demand for tin for rearmament.—Reuter.

HONGKONG SHARE MARKET

Business on the Stock Exchange, during the morning, totalled \$300,405. Noon rates were as follows:

SHARES BUYERS SELLERS SALES BANKS HK Bank XD 1200 20 G 1220

East Asia .. 101

INSURANCES Canton 200

Union 00 10 G 700

Underwriters 3.10 135 00 G 135

SHIPPING Asia New 70c

DOCKS, ETC. K. Wharf 80

W. Wharf 5.20

Dock 13 1/4

Providence 11.00-12

Shad Dock 2.75

Wheelock 20 1/2

LAW OFFICES HK Hotel XD 8.30 300 G 5.50

5000 G 5.50

MUNICIPALITIES 7/4

UTILITIES Tren XD 10.75 11/4

C. Light (O) 5.75 6

Electric XD 21/4 10

Telephones 10.20

TELEGRAPHIC Cement XD 10

Rope XD 11

STORES, ETC. Dairy 11/4 12

Dress (N) 11/4 12

Drug (N) 10 1/2 12

COTTONS Ewe 2.65

Damaged packages are to be left

in the Godowns for examination by Consignees and the Company's surveyors, Messrs. Carmichael and Clarke, at 10 a.m. on 2nd March 1951.

To comply with the General Bonded Warehouses Regulations, Consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when damaged dutiable goods are examined.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the steamship godowns, and all goods remaining undelivered after 2nd March, 1951, will be subject to rect.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Revenue Officer on or before 5th April, 1951, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

W. H. LOXLEY & CO. (CHINA) LTD.

Agents: Ben Line Steamers, Ltd.

Hongkong, 17th March, 1951.

New Wharf For Auckland

Auckland, Mar. 20. A £1,800,000 contract for the construction of a four-beth import wharf was let by the Auckland Harbour Board today.

Associated in the project are the Fletcher Construction Company of Auckland, and Raymond Concrete Pile Company and Merritt Chapman and Scott Corporation, both of the United States.

The work is expected to be completed in 2 1/2 years.—Associated Press.

PEPPER EASINESS

New York, Mar. 20. Easiness in spot supplies dominated the situation in black pepper. Nearby steamers were quoted around 153. March shipment was quoted at 153, April 152 and May 151 a pound, all on an ex-flock basis. One source reported that some business was done for May shipment at between 149-150.

Rope Company Shows Profit Of \$1½ Million

PRODUCTION & SALES UP

"Production and sales of rope for the third successive year showed an appreciable increase, and costs of manufacture again rose," said Mr A. Raymond (Chairman) at the annual meeting of the Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Company Limited held this morning at Chung Tin Building. Mr Raymond reported a net profit for the year of \$1,511,905.63.

Before proceeding with his report, Mr Raymond referred with deep regret to the death of Mr S. T. Williamson who took a great interest in the Company and had been a Director since 1934. "His advice-and-knowledge-of-affairs were of great value, and will be greatly missed," said Mr Raymond.

Continuing, the Chairman said:

The result of the year's trading is a net profit of \$1,511,905 which, when added to the balance brought forward from last account, Provisions for Rehabilitation of War Damaged Property and Staff Superannuation Fund, both no longer required, gives a balance at Credit of Profit and Loss Appropriation Account of \$1,810,003

which your Directors recommend be dealt with as follows:—transfer to Plant Replacement Reserve \$200,000; transfer to Factory Reconstruction Reserve \$200,000; transfer to Equalisation of Dividend Reserve \$200,000; transfer to Staff Passage Reserve \$5,166; transfer to Chinese Employees' Benevolent Fund \$70,000; transfer to Typhoon and Flood Account \$50,781; to Corporation Profits Tax, Assessment 1951/52 \$195,000; pay a Bonus to Staff and Workers, \$50,035; pay a Dividend of \$1.00 per share, free of tax \$200,000; pay a Bonus of \$2.00 per share, free of tax \$400,000; and carry forward to 1951, \$149,831.

These recommendations have been incorporated in the Accounts.

At recent annual meetings the need for further provision for Plant Replacement and Factory Reconstruction has been explained, and in these uncertain times the creation of an Equalisation of Dividend Reserve is recommended.

The amount transferred to Typhoon and Flood Account is intended to bring that account closer to possible present day requirements, and the amount left at credit of Rehabilitation of War Damaged Property Reserve is estimated to be sufficient to cover the work still to be done.

BONUSES

The proposed Bonus to the Secretary and Work Manager staff and workers has again been well earned and will, I hope, together with the transfer to Chinese Employees' Benevolent Fund, have your approval.

Owing to the inadequacy, in present day conditions, of pre-war contributions to the Provident Fund, your Directors decided to revise the rates of contribution and to increase the Company's back contributions at the new rates, granting a loan to the Staff to enable them to pay in their share.

Your Directors further decided to institute a Retirement Fund, to augment the Provident Fund on a scale comparable with those of other local companies.

The increase in Fixed Assets is due to new machinery now in course of installation, the purchase of motor vehicles following the withdrawal of the licence to use our Tramway, and the purchase of No. 1 Felix Villas to provide suitable accommodation for your Secretary and Works Manager.

Stocks and Stores have as usual been valued at cost or under, and it has been considered prudent to make a reserve against unshipped stocks of Hemp.

Sundry Debts include the Staff Loan referred to earlier and the balance, with exception of a few small items, has been fully collected.

During the year the Loan on Mortgages was repaid, and Cash in hand and at Bankers stands at a high figure. The balance, however, after payment of the proposed Dividend and Bonus, would be readily absorbed if we were able to carry the stocks of Hemp and Rope which we would like, and by further purchases of machinery to which I have just referred.

Sundry Creditors and Credit balances show a substantial increase and include, among other items, balance of purchases of No. 1 Felix Villas, stock contributions to Provident Fund, and a retiring gratuity for 22 years' service to Mr. M. Xavier, our late Chief

Clerk at the factory. I am sure you will join me in wishing him happiness in his retirement after his long and faithful service.

HEMP MARKET STEADY

Production and Sales of Rope for the third successive year showed an appreciable increase, and costs of manufacture again rose.

The hemp market remained steady during the first half of the year after which prices rose by as much as 75 percent.

Manila Hemp being a strategic material, our difficulty is to get enough licences approved to cover our requirements, which is reflected in the low stock figure in the Balance Sheet, and has recently compelled us reluctantly to dismiss work people. Every effort is being made to ensure adequate supplies to enable us to work economically, and I hope the outcome of present efforts will be favourable.

Delivers this year to date are somewhat higher than those for the corresponding period of last year, but under present day uncertain conditions I am unable to give any indication of how the current year's working may turn out and would again remind Shareholders that the results of last year were achieved with Assets greatly in excess of their Balance Sheet value.

Mr G. E. Marden seconded the adoption of the Report.

On the proposal of Mr G. T. Palmer, seconded by Mr H. M. Parsons, Mr A. Raymond and Mr Horace Kadoorie were re-elected Officers and the appointment of Mr A. H. Penn to the Board was confirmed.

Mrs Peat, Marwick, Michel and Company were re-elected Auditors at a remuneration of \$3,500 per annum on the proposal of Mr A. Raymond, seconded by Mr D. E. Kibble.

Present at the meeting were:

Mr A. Raymond (Chairman),

Mr I. W. Stewar,

Mr Robert Ho Tung,

Mr Horace Kadoorie,

Mr A. H. Penn (Directors),

Mr R. V. Lederhener (Acting Secretary) and the following shareholders: Messrs D. Black, D. L. Prophet, H. M. Parsons, G. E. Marden, G. T. Palmer, R. Dahl and D. E. Kibble.

DEATH OF MRS S. MINU

Mrs Sherifa Minu, a highly respected member of the local Moslem community, died early this morning at her residence, 314 Hennessy Road, after a short illness. She was 71 years of age.

Mrs Minu is survived by two sons, Mr A. K. Minu and Mr A.R. Minu, the well-known Interpol cricketer, two married daughters, Mrs S. Khan and Mrs M. Adem, an unmarried daughter and a large number of grandchildren.

Inspector Dewar said that defendant was a friend of the owner of Po Hing garage and took the car without the owner's permission.

INSUFFICIENT EQUIPMENT

A 40-year-old woman was fined \$10 by Mr Winter at Kowloon this morning for jay-walking.

The defendant, a hawker, named Kwok Kwan, according to Inspector Dewar, dashed across the road from the pavement, and narrowly escaped possible death because a bus managed to brake in time.

However, a military lorry following behind the bus collided into the rear of the public vehicle, causing minor damage to both vehicles.

Seek Dancing Honours



Decree Nisi Granted

A decree nisi, to be made absolute in three months, was pronounced by the Chief Justice, Sir Gerard Howe, in the Divorce Court this morning when he delivered judgment in a petition by John William Ferris, of Mount Nicholson Barragons, for the dissolution of his marriage to Margaret Irene Ferris on the grounds of adultery.

Stanley Keitch was named as co-respondent. Both respondent and co-respondent are resident in the United Kingdom.

Mr Charles E. Losby, KC, instructed by Mr J. C. Stewart, appeared for petitioner. Neither the respondent nor co-respondent were present, nor were they legally represented.

The case was first heard last week when the Chief Justice, after hearing the evidence, adjourned the petition to consider the question of jurisdiction regarding petitioner's domicile.

It was stated that petitioner was formerly in the Royal Air Force and was posted to Hong Kong at his own request.

In view of his family circumstances, he decided in 1947 to make Hongkong his permanent home and he was accordingly demobilised here, where he has since resided, and where he is now employed. He had tried to buy a house here, but had so far failed.

In the course of his judgment, the Chief Justice said: "A domicile of choice may be acquired by a person in a country in which he happens to be serving, on military or other duties, the essentials being the factum of residence and the intention to reside there permanently. In this case I am satisfied that petitioner has acquired a domicile of choice in Hongkong, and that the Court therefore has jurisdiction."

No order was made as to costs or damages, both of which the petitioner did not seek.

What Accident Disclosed

The police went to investigate a minor traffic accident in Nathan Road yesterday and found that the driver of one of the cars had no driving licence.

The offender Luk Luk, 26, of 4, Ashley Road, 1st floor, came before Mr Winter at Kowloon this morning and pleaded guilty to charges of driving without licence, without permission of the owner and without due care and attention. He was fined \$350 for the offences.

He denied the fourth charge of overtaking on the left, alleging that the other car involved in the accident backed and bumped into his car.

Inspector Dewar said that defendant was a friend of the owner of Po Hing garage and took the car without the owner's permission.

The funeral will take place at the Mohamedan Cemetery, Happy Valley, at 5.30 p.m. today.

INTELLIGENCE TEST SOLUTION

The "revised version" runs:

"Don't be the cost of parades
As the parades increase,
The cost does—how well we
Know to leave such things."
—Anita Loos, *Interpreted London Express Stories*.

Check Your Knowledge

ANSWER

1. In Canada. 2. "Les

Misérables", 3. St. Augustine,

Florida. 4. They are administered

by Great Britain.

5. As a British Crown Colony.

6. As a colony of Queen Victoria.

HK Tramways Carry More And More Passengers

GOOD YEAR'S WORKING REPORTED

Although the Hongkong Tramway Company was unable to operate during the first six weeks of 1950 the number of passengers carried in the remaining period was greater than the whole of the previous year, according to Mr Gordon at the Annual General Meeting this morning.

The Directors of the Company recommended a final dividend of \$1.40.

Proposing the adoption of the Report and Accounts Mr Gordon, the Chairman, said:

Although, as you know, the undertaking was unable to operate during the first six weeks in 1950, the working results attained during the year have been satisfactory. The total number of passengers carried during this shorter working period was slightly greater than in the whole of the previous year and the daily average of passengers carried since the resumption of operation was about 14 percent more than last year.

The acceptance by the Company of the Dairy Farm award which resulted in the payment of an extra \$1 per day to our employees as a supplementary cost-of-living allowance, has appreciably increased our operating expenses. The ratio of expenses to receipts for the year was 57.3 percent, which is about 4½ percent higher than the previous year. Monthly tickets continue to be popular and so also do the reduced fares introduced in 1949 for scholars.

During the year the work of fitting all trams with air-brakes was completed and all cars are now fitted with a compressed air and an electric brake in addition to the hand brake.

Four new cars were brought into service during the year, bringing the total number of our fleet up to 124. In addition, five new buses were fitted to replace worn-out bodies.

The improvement in the supply position of electrical equipment upon which I commented last year has been maintained and we now have on hand sufficient new electric traction motors to replace the obsolete types. The bulk of these have already been fitted and are in service.

SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS

Although shortages of supplies of new tram rail continue to hamper us in the maintenance of the track, substantial progress has been made. It is hoped during 1951 to eliminate the worst of the remaining portions of poor track on our permanent way.

Our car-body replacement programme is also restricted by the non-delivery of small component parts and of materials from the United Kingdom but this is proceeding as fast as circumstances permit and every effort is being made, both to obtain the necessary spares and materials from alternative suppliers and to modify the design so as to avoid as far as possible using materials that are in short supply.

It will be noted that the balance brought down to the credit side of Profit and Loss Account from Working Account is \$179,403 less than for 1949, would like to point out, however, that the 1950

Working Account was debited with \$33,480 in respect of Employees' Redining remuneration thus increasing the Employees' Retirement Fund as shown in the Balance Sheet from \$800,000 to \$1,133,480.

In previous Balance Sheets, the Employees' Retirement Fund was shown as Special Contingencies Account and in former years was financed from Appropriation of Profits.

I might say that the amount of \$1,133,480 is the actual Remaining Remuneration accrued at 31 December, 1950, under the present Redining Scheme for our employees and I hope that the change in the name of the account and the method of financing it will meet with your approval.

On the debit side of the Profit and Loss Account, the over-provision for taxation of \$174,301 deducted from the reserve for 1951/2 mainly represents the amount over-provided in the 1949 Accounts for our tax assessment for 1950/1. Over-provision for taxation was made last year because it was apprehended that the standard rate of tax might be increased from 10 percent to 15 percent. As you are doubtless aware, the rate was finally fixed at 12½ percent.

It will be remembered that I spoke last year about the desirability of rebuilding our premises at Russell Street so as to permit a better use of this land and ultimately to do away with the need of our King's Road Depot for storage purposes.

Preliminary steps were taken in 1950 towards that end. These were held up by technical matters until September.

In the meantime, it became apparent that, although the average number of passengers carried during the year was greater than the previous year, a peak was reached in May, after which there was a falling off in the average loadings per car mile. This was partly due to the increased number of cars put on service each day but it was also due in part to a decrease since May in the number of people travelling.

This perhaps was due to a decline in the population on the island and perhaps to the fact that money was not so plentiful. Whatever the reasons, the fact remains that from the month of May onwards the average passenger loadings per car mile fell by about 25 percent. This reduction in loadings per car mile may be taken as a measure of the extent to which overcrowding has been eased but it has little direct relation to our total receipts which continue at a satisfactory level.

In view of this reduction, however, it was thought desirable to delay any further increase in rolling stock until it was more evident what future traffic trends might be.

Another factor which has led us to postpone the reconstruction of our system is the fact that the cost of our original proposals would have to be met by the Government.

The net balance carried to Profit and Loss Appropriation Account is \$4,240,895, an increase of \$169,361 on 1949, and when to this balance is added the \$80,200 brought forward from the last account and the interim dividend of \$1,023,750 in arrears, a net balance of \$3,205,441 is available for disbursement, which your Board proposes should be dealt with as follows:

Transfer to General Reserve \$600,000; Transfer to Develop-

Albanian Purge Rumours

HOME, MAR. 20. The Italian Government organ "Il Popolo" said today that the Albanian Government had ousted many of its top officials in compliance with a Soviet order for a purge of the Albanian Communist Party.

The despatch, quoting refugee sources in Austria, said Premier Enver Hoxha had orders from Moscow to "eliminate the danger of Titotism."

The report said the president of the Communist Party of Albania had been arrested along with other high functionaries. It said political prisoners are sentenced to death or to work camps "where malnutrition and malaria decimate their ranks." — United Press.

Mail Notices

ON FRIDAY, MARCH 23, SATURDAY, MARCH 24, AND MONDAY, MARCH 26. The General Post Office and Kowloon Post Office will be open from 9 a.m. to Noon. The other Branch Post Offices will be open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

TUESDAY, MARCH 27. There will be one general delivery commencing at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, Saturday and Monday, and on Monday afternoon from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. posting boxes on Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Monday.

REGULAR ARTICLES AND PARCEL MAIL. Mails close on Sundays or before 10 a.m. on any other day. Regular articles and parcels are closed at 3 p.m. Mails close on Sundays or before 10 a.m. on any other day.

UNROUTINER MAIL. Mails close on Sundays or before 10 a.m. on any other day.

OTHER BUSINESS